

In the Specification:

On page 4, please amend paragraph [0014] as follows:

--[0014] Referring to FIG. 1, there is shown an embodiment of a pneumatic tire according to the present invention. Reference numeral 1 denotes a tread surface, and the rotational direction R of the tire is specified in one direction as shown by an arrow. The tread surface 1, which has a center region 1A and shoulder regions 1B on both sides of the center region, includes a plurality of circumferential grooves 2 extending along a circumferential direction T of the tire. The plurality of circumferential grooves 2 comprise a first circumferential grooves 2A disposed at a location defining the center region 1A and each of the shoulder regions 1B on both sides thereof, two second circumferential grooves 2B disposed on both sides of a centerline CL of the tire in the center region 1A, and a third circumferential ~~groove 1C~~groove 2C disposed on the tire centerline CL in the center region 1A.--